

25. (Cancelled) A method of collection and analysis of breast duct fluid and detection of breast cancer or precancer comprising:

contacting a ductal orifice having a bead of ductal fluid on a nipple surface with a receiving unit of a sufficient dimension to isolate the ductal orifice, whereupon said unit absorbs the ductal fluid for analysis.

26. (Previously Added) A device as in claim 1, wherein said diameter of said probe is between about 0.008 cm and about 0.040 cm.

27. (Previously Added) A device as in claim 1, wherein said diameter of said probe is between about 0.012 cm and about 0.025 cm.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-13, 26, and 27 are pending. Claims 14-25 were cancelled in response to a Restriction Requirement. Claim 1 has been amended. Support for the new claim can be found throughout the specification, specifically on pages 13, lines 1-3 and Figures 2 and 3. No new matter has been added. Entry of this amendment prior to examination is requested. Applicant asks that all claims be examined and allowed.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 502855, accordingly. If any questions or issues remain, the resolution of which the Examiner feels would be advanced by a conference

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